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HARYANA GOVERNMENT

WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 16th June, 2021

No. 55-SW(3).— The Governor of Haryana is pleased to frame “**Mukhyamantri Bal Sewa Yojana**”, with the aim to rehabilitate and assist children below 18 years of age who have lost both their parents / surviving parent / legal guardian / adoptive parent (s) due to COVID-19.

This shall come into effect from the date of issue of this notification.

1. Eligibility

Children who have lost both their parents /surviving parent / legal guardian / adoptive parent (s) and become orphan due to COVID-19.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 “Adoption”** means the process through which the adopted child is permanently separated from his biological parents and becomes the lawful child of his adoptive parents with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities that are attached to a biological child;
- 2.2 “Adoption Regulations”** means the regulations framed by the Authority and notified by the Central Government in respect of adoption;
- 2.3 “Child”** means a person who has lost both his / her parents /surviving parent / legal guardian / adoptive parent (s) and become orphan due to COVID-19 and has not completed eighteen years of age;
- 2.4 “Child Care Institution”** means Children Home, open shelter, observation home, special home, place of safety, Specialised Adoption Agency and a fit facility recognised under JJ Act, 2015 for providing care and protection to children, who are in need, of such services;
- 2.5 “COVID -19”** means a new corona virus discovered in 2019 which is a respiratory disease caused by SARS –CoV-2;
- 2.6 “District Approval Committee”** means a committee headed by concerned Deputy Commissioner comprising of the following:

Chief Medical Officer	Member
District Education Officer	Member
District Programme Officer	Member
Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee	Member
District Child Protection Officer	Member-Secretary

- 2.7 **“Extended Family”** means a family that extends beyond the nuclear family, consisting of parents like father, mother & their children, aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins all living in the same household;
- 2.8 **“Fit Facility”** means a facility being run by a governmental organisation or a registered voluntary or non-governmental organisation, prepared to temporarily own the responsibility of a particular child for a specific purpose, and such facility is recognised as fit for the said purpose, by the Child Welfare Committee, as the case may be, or the Juvenile Justice Board, under sub-section (1) of section 51 of JJ Act, 2015;
- 2.9 **“Fit Person”** means any person, prepared to own the responsibility of a child, for a specific purpose, and such person is identified after inquiry made in this behalf and recognised as fit for the said purpose, by the Child Welfare Committee or, as the case may be, the Juvenile Justice Board, to receive and take care of the child;
- 2.10 **“Guardian”** in relation to a child, means his natural guardian or any other person having, in the opinion of the Child Welfare Committee or, as the case may be, the Juvenile Justice Board, the actual charge of the child, and recognised by the Child Welfare Committee or, as the case may be, the Juvenile Justice Board as a guardian in the course of proceedings;
- 2.11 **“Notification”** means the notification published in the Official Gazette of a State, and the expression “notify” shall be construed accordingly;
- 2.12 **“Prospective Adoptive Parents”** means a person or persons eligible to adopt a child as per the provisions of section 57 of JJ Act, 2015;
- 2.13 **“Registered”** with reference to child care institutions or agencies or facilities managed by the State Government, or a voluntary or non-governmental organisation, means observation homes, special homes, place of safety, children’s homes, open shelters or Specialised Adoption Agency or fit facility or any other institution that may come up in response to a particular need or agencies or facilities authorised and registered under section 41 of JJ Act, 2015, for providing residential care to children, on a short-term or long-term basis;
- 2.14 **“Relative”**, in relation to a child for the purpose of adoption means a paternal uncle or aunt, or a maternal uncle or aunt, or paternal grandparent(s) or maternal grandparent(s);
- 2.15 **“Specialised Adoption Agency”** means an institution established by the State Government or by a voluntary or non-governmental organisation and recognised under section 65 of JJ Act, 2015, for housing orphans, abandoned and surrendered children, placed there by order of the Child Welfare Committee, for the purpose of adoption;

3. Benefits under the scheme

- 3.1 **Financial Assistance for housed in Children Non-Institutional Care** -Children in non-institutional care living with their extended family/guardian(s) will be supported with an amount of Rs. 2500/- per child per month till the attainment of age of 18 years. Of this, amount of Rs. 2000/- per month will be made available through the existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

An additional financial assistance of Rs. 12000/- per annum will be provided to the extended family / guardian for educational purpose of the child. This assistance will be deposited in the joint bank account of the child & extended family / guardian till the child attains the age of 18 years.

Children who may not have an extended family / guardian:

Children who may not have an extended family / grandparent(s) / guardian(s) would be housed in child care institutions in the State. There are 59 Child Care Institutions in Haryana.

In addition, financial assistance of Rs. 1500/- per month till the age of 18 years will be deposited in a recurring deposit account, the proceeds of which on maturity will be given to such child on attaining the age of 21 years.

- 3.2 **Institutional Care and Education for Adolescent Girls Orphaned:**

In case of adolescent girls orphaned due to Covid-19, preference will be given for education in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalas (KGBVs) which provide free residential education to ensure their sensitive care and proper protection and they will be provided a financial assistance on the pattern as provided to the children housed in Child Care Institutions under Clause-3.1.

3.3 Assistance to Girls on Marriage:

Girls orphaned due to Covid-19 will be supported under the 'Mukhyamantri Vivaah Shagun Yojana' with financial assistance of Rs. 51000/- for their marriage. The amount would be maintained in the name of the girl child to be redeemed along with accumulated interest at the time of their marriage.

3.4 Tablet for Child in Class 8th-12th:

Children who are studying in any class between 8th to 12th or in a vocational course will be provided a computer tablet to aid their education.

4. Procedure to be adopted and assistance to be provided under the scheme

- 4.1 Deputy Commissioner will be the patron under the scheme and will be responsible for ensuring the benefits of the scheme to the eligible children.
- 4.2 District Programme Officer (DPO) & District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) will create district specific database of children who have been orphaned by conducting periodic checks in alliance with the local health authorities and Child Welfare Committee (CWC).
- 4.3 DCPO shall coordinate/facilitate the implementation of the scheme at the district level.
- 4.4 Such child will be produced before the Child Welfare Committee by District Child Protection Officer. In case of orphan child, the concerned Child Welfare Committee will follow the due procedure as prescribed under JJ Act, 2015 & Adoption Regulations, 2017 to declare the child legally free for adoption and place the child in Special Adoption Agency.
 - 4.4.1. In case a child is 6 years and above, then he / she will be placed in a registered Child Care Institution and the State will bear the cost of holistic development of such child.
 - 4.4.2. Efforts will be made by the Child Welfare Committee to de-institutionalise these children through foster care, if possible, to give them a family like setting / environment to such children.
- 4.5 Cases of all eligible children under the scheme will be put-up by the concerned District Child Protection Officer after getting approval of the concerned Child Welfare Committee to the District Approval Committee headed by Deputy Commissioner. It will be the responsibility of the District Programme Officer to ensure timely disbursement of the funds to the beneficiaries for financial assistance.
- 4.6 A Certificate for entitlement for availing benefits under this scheme will be issued to the beneficiary by the concerned District Programme Officer after approval by the District Approval Committee.
- 4.7 The District Approval Committee will maintain detailed proceedings of the decisions with reasons in regard to granting benefits.
- 4.8 In case of any complaints or grievances in connection with the granting of benefits under the scheme, the Appellate Authority will be a committee chaired by the Administrative Secretary, Women and Child Development Department consisting of Director General, Joint Director Administration, Joint Director ICPS and Assistant District Attorney of the department.

5. Procedure for application

- 5.1. Applicant / guardian will apply directly on the website of the Women & Child Development Department, Haryana i.e. www.wcdhry.gov.in to avail the benefits under the scheme or manually in the office of concerned District Programme Officer in a prescribed format. DCPO / CWC will assist the beneficiary in submitting the application, if required.
- 5.2. DCPO / CWC will be responsible for identification of the eligible beneficiary under the scheme through survey in the respective district.
- 5.3. The data obtained from Citizen Resource Information Department (CRID) by the Women and Child Development Department after scrutinizing by the CWC will be put up by the concerned DCPO to the District Approval Committee for consideration.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation

At the State level, monitoring and evaluation will be done by the Women and Child Development Department, Haryana and at district level by the concerned Deputy Commissioner.

7. Nodal Department

- i. The nodal department for implementation of benefits indicated at Clause No. 3.1 and financial assistance under clause 3.2 of the scheme will be Women and Child Development Department in coordination with concerned Deputy Commissioner.
- ii. The School Education Department will be nodal department for implementation of free residential education under Clause No. 3.2 and 3.4 of the scheme.

- iii. Welfare of Scheduled Caste and Backward Classes Department will be the nodal department for implementation of benefits under clause 3.3 of the scheme.

Women and Child Development Department, Haryana will be the Nodal Department for the overall implementation of the scheme.

Chandigarh:
The 16th June, 2021.

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